

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Flood Watch Cancelled for Yakima River

Richland, Wash: Richland, Wash: At 11:52 a.m. on Sunday, the National Weather Service **cancelled its Flood Watch** for the Yakima River near Kiona/Benton City. The cancellation came with the river now predicted to reach a high of just under 12 feet on Wednesday, May 21. The river will then slowly recede.

Property owners along the river should continue to monitor water levels and take any precautions needed to protect life and property. The high and fast moving water continues to be dangerous. Residents should stay away from the river

The high waters are carrying debris down the river, which may flow into the Columbia River creating a boating hazard. Boaters on the Columbia should take appropriate precautions.

Local officials will continue to monitor the situation and provide updated information as it becomes available. Up-to-date information is also available on the Benton County Emergency Services website at [www.bces.wa.gov](http://www.bces.wa.gov).

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